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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 21-30 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claims 21-30 have been added, and claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action dated October 26, 2007, it was indicated that claims 3, 4, 12 and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but that these claims would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of their base claims.

New claim 21 corresponds generally to cancelled claim 3 except that the step of attempting to reestablish the telephone connection has been clarified to show that the reconnection attempt only occurs if standard closing remarks are not detected around the time that the call is dropped. While claim 21 is not identical to cancelled claim 3, it is believed that claim 21 distinguishes over the art of record for substantially the same reasons as cancelled claim 3. Furthermore, the art of record does not show or suggest the invention of claim 21. Claim 21 is submitted to be allowable for at least these reasons.

Claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 21 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21.

New claim 24 corresponds generally to cancelled claim 12 except that claim 24 clarifies that the means for attempting to reestablish a connection only makes an attempt if no standard closing remarks are detected around the time the call is dropped. While claim 24 is not identical to cancelled claim 12, it is believed that claim 24 distinguishes over the art of record for substantially the same reasons as claim 12. Furthermore, the art of record does not show or suggest the invention of claim 24. Claim 24 is submitted to be allowable over the art of record for at least this reason.

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Claims 25 and 26 depend from claim 24 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 24.

New claim 27 is also submitted to be allowable over the art of record. Claim 27 recites a method for reconnecting a dropped telephone connection between a calling party and a called party that includes steps of monitoring the status of the call, monitoring words used by the called party, the calling party, or both during the telephone connection to detect if one or more standard closing remarks are used, detecting that the call has been dropped, and attempting to automatically reestablish the telephone connection only if the one or more standard closing remarks are not detected within a given time of the call being dropped. Since at least a step of monitoring words used by a calling party, a called party, or both is not disclosed in the art of record, and the invention of claim 27 is not disclosed in the art of record, it is believed that claim 27 is also allowable over the art of record.

Claim 28 depends from claim 27 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 27.

New claim 29 is also submitted to be allowable over the art of record. Claim 29 recites a system for reconnecting a dropped telephone connection between a calling party and a called party that includes a first monitoring means for monitoring the status of the call, a detecting means for detecting that the call has been dropped, a second monitoring means for monitoring words used by the called party, the calling party, or both during the telephone connection to detect if one or more standard closing remarks are used, and a reconnect means for attempting to automatically reestablish the telephone connection with the called party only if the one or more standard closing remarks are not detected within a given time period of the call being dropped. At least

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a monitoring means for monitoring words is not disclosed in the art of record, and the art of record does not show or suggest the invention recited in claim 29. Claim 29 is submitted to be allowable for at least these reasons.

Claim 30 depends from claim 29 and is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 29.

### **CONCLUSION**

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated October 26, 2007, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 21-30 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, examination and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

### **Deposit Account Authorization**

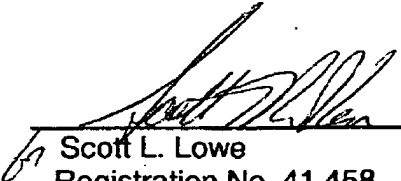
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